MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : May I take it that there was no difficulty felt before March 1945?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : There was some difficulty. But we were not able to get yarn before the All-India Yarn Committee gave a quota from April 1945.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : Is the honourable member aware that the Control order regarding yarn was promulgated long before 1945?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : The All-India Control Order was made in April 1945.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : May I know when the figures will be consolidated and be made available?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : Within a fort-night.

MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : May I know whether the figures were called for from each taluk?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : The figures were called for from the taluk committees.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know when they were called for?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : Two or three months ago.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Is there not a notification calling for the registration of the looms?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : Yes, Sir. A notification for registering the looms was published.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know when the taluk committees were formed?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : I claim notice.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathur*) : May I know the number of applications that have been received in response to the notification for registration?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : We have got only approximate figures. About 35 to 40 thousand looms have been registered hitherto.

Weavers.

463. *MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they consider registered organisations on a trade union basis of weavers as representatives of weavers ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether such organisations have been entrusted with the distribution of yarn ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : (*a*) Not necessarily.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

MR. S. SAMKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : May I know under what circumstances the Weavers' Organisations are considered not representative of weavers?

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MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Advocate General*) : The question does not arise.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. Honourable member cannot ask for the opinion of another honourable member whether on the Government Bench or elsewhere. The Governments opinion is based upon the work and status of the Union in question. We get letters from many people saying that a particular Union is not representative. I suppose honourable members might be shown some of those letters. For that reason Government came to the conclusion that the fact that a Union is a registered one cannot be considered an unalterable circumstance because every registered Union is not necessarily representative and further, most of them are repudiated by many people in the same locality.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : May I know the criterion upon which representation is judged?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : There might be many organisations outside the Unions and so it cannot be said that a particular Union is representative in character. It is a matter of opinion whether it has to be considered as representative.

Import of yarn.

464. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the name of the agent or agency employed to import the yarn allotted every month from British India; and

(*b*) the date on which this contract was fixed up with the terms of contract?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : (*a*) April 1945. Mr. R. Subbiah, Yarn Merchant, Chalai.

May

1. Mr. Ramasubbu Chettiar, Yarn Merchant, Kottar.
2. Mr. Muthuswamy, Yarn Merchant, Nagercoil.
3. Mr. Thanumalayan, Yarn Merchant, Balaramapuram.
4. Central Weavers & Co-operative Society, Ltd.
5. Mr. Anthoni Mudaliar, Yarn Merchant, Palliyadi.
6. Mr. S. Noorudheen, Yarn Merchant, Quilon.
7. Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim, Aiyoob Sait, Quilon.
8. Mr. R. Narayana Panicker, Yarn Merchant, Marthandom.

June & July.

1. Mr. P. Subramonian Chettiar, Yarn Merchant, Chalai.
2. Messrs. Seetharamier & Sons, Chalai

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